

IN THE ABSTRACT

An electronic money information transaction system reliably enables the payment of electronic money through a communication line ~~and achieves electronic money transactions with reliability~~. The ~~electronic money information transaction~~ system includes a terminal device and carries out an electronic money information transacting method. An external information processor is operated ~~for dialing~~ to connect the same through a switch and a MODEM to a host apparatus. The external information processor is operated to enter the product number of a desired product, and then the host apparatus sends information about electronic money information indicating an amount of money necessary for purchasing the product and such to a control unit. The control unit provides a control signal to instruct the switch to select a data processing unit. The data processing unit reads electronic money information indicating the amount of money from an IC card. The electronic money information is transferred through the switch, the MODEM and the communication line to the host apparatus. ~~Upon the completion of operations for electronic money information transfer, the control unit controls the switch to select the external information processor, and controls the MODEM to disconnect the terminal unit from the communication line.~~